

Rationing

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
RATIONING BOARD #135.283,
SOUTHBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 17, 1945

Board of Selectmen,
Southborough Massachusetts

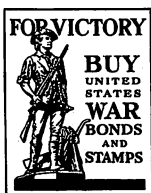
Gentlemen:

Will you kindly sign this receipt for the Board Operations Supervisor, Mr. George H. Dudley and return to us so that we may mail same to him for the Town Property you so kindly loaned to this Board.

On September 28, 1945 we will return to your Board the keys for the room also quite a supply of office carbons, pencils etc. which you may use in some other departments. The entire staff and members of the Board wish to express their appreciation and gratitude for the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen.

Sincerely,

Alice M. Lapine
Chief Clerk



Rec'd & aud'd.
SEP 17 1945

(H.C.)

Rationing

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
New England Regional Office
55 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

August 28, 1945

Dear Mr. Chairman:

President Truman's directive issued last week to the entire government establishment outlined the integrated plan of the government for the transition from war to peace. This is for the interim period from the surrender of Japan to that future date when the country can get back on a peace-time footing. Sharp changes called for by the President in the operations of federal war agencies have as major objectives the speedy resumption of peace-time manufacture, trade, employment, and stabilization.

The Office of Price Administration's part in this vigorous, concerted effort has been made clear by instructions from Administrator Chester Bowles. Rationing of scarce goods, which has had to be rigidly administered as part of the war effort, will be dropped commodity by commodity as goods return to normal supply. Prices and rents, which have had to be sternly held during the war, must continue to be held so that there will be no general increase in living costs. At the same time, prices of new goods returning to the market must be examined and adjustments made, where needed, with all possible speed. In short, the task of the Office of Price Administration in the transition months ahead will be as critical and in some ways more difficult than in the war period just passed through.

Since the sudden announcement of the Japanese surrender, O.P.A. Regional Administrators and District Directors, together with Administrator Bowles and his deputies, have re-shaped the O.P.A. plan of operation in some vital respects. The new plan and streamlined organization are designed to meet conditions in the months ahead.

The rationing of gasoline, fuel oil, and processed food, as you know, has been eliminated. Tight rationing of tires is made doubly necessary for a time by the greater strain on tire supply by unrestricted driving. The red point food program and sugar rationing will have to be strictly administered for several months. Gradual liberalization of red point values will be made as supplies permit. Shoe rationing control will continue with adjustments being made gradually as supplies come back.

A major organizational change now can be made in the New England Re-

gion as a result of clarifying the new transition plan. This change, which is being announced today, is the reorganization of the large number of War Price and Rationing Boards in this region into a smaller number of Boards.

During three and one-half years of war, there were 361 War Price and Rationing Boards in Massachusetts, i.e., one in every city and town throughout the commonwealth. This large number of Boards literally brought rationing to everyone's doorstep. Thousands of volunteers at these Boards, aided by their paid clerical staffs, have performed an unselfish service of incalculable value to the war effort and to their neighbors.

Convenience of the public in transacting rationing business has been greatly aided by the nearness of almost every family in Massachusetts to a local Board. We have been more fortunate here than in the West and South where in many cases one Board has served a whole county. Local town governments have helped to make possible a large number of Boards through their generous support; local Board members, through their willingness to serve entirely without compensation, have been the real blood and sinew of the entire operation of rationing. We have every hope that this cooperation will be continued in order to assist us in dealing with present and future problems.

With the elimination of gasoline and fuel oil rationing, which were the sources of the greatest volume of Board visits by the public, the need for a nearby Board is no longer urgent. At the same time, the reduction in family incomes resulting from war cutbacks in employment, is creating an insistent demand that the cost of living must be kept down. The war against profiteers and black markets must be waged with harder hitting methods in the months immediately ahead. Returning veterans and their dependents, as well as war workers' families, must be protected against exorbitant prices. It is the clear duty of the Office of Price Administration to see to it that it is done.

To this end, the organization of Boards throughout the region is being revamped and streamlined in order to sharpen price control work. Under this reorganization plan, to be completed by October 1, 1945, there will be a strong War Price and Rationing Board in each of 165 populous cities and trading area towns in New England. Approximately 78 of these will be in Massachusetts.

These consolidated Boards will continue to administer the rationing programs still in force in addition to developing a hard-hitting price control program. Files will be transferred from Boards to be closed to the Boards designated to take over their remaining work. It is planned to request members of discontinued Boards, where practicable, to take part in the revised

price control, information, and rationing programs.

Because of the sharp reduction in work resulting from the cessation of gasoline, oil, and stove rationing, the majority of the paid staffs of closed Boards will be released. The total number affected at this time, including personnel at Regional and District offices, Mailing Centers, and New England War Price and Rationing Boards, will be over 1300, representing a saving in annual salaries of approximately \$2,250,000.

In the New England Regional and District offices, curtailment of rationing programs results in a reorganization which will take some time to accomplish. The need for additional manpower in the price control and enforcement divisions has long been recognized. Qualified personnel in the reduced rationing division and at local Boards will be transferred to the divisions so urgently in need of help, within the limits of the budget. The exact number of persons to be dropped from the payrolls of the Regional and District offices cannot be determined until the necessary adjustments have been made.

Plans just now are being formulated to enforce price and rent ceilings and reconversion prices more vigorously throughout New England. Marked for special attention are the profiteers and black marketeers who have capitalized on the public's wartime income. As long as there are shortages, even though the war of fighting is over, the unscrupulous few will still try to gather in a harvest at the expense of the public. Relieved of a part of the heavy rationing burden, the O.P.A. organization, War Price and Rationing Boards, and District staffs alike, will throw full weight into the fight against inflation.

We are confident that the consumer and legitimate businessman will continue the wholehearted cooperation which has made the anti-inflation fight successful to this point.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William E. Hale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

WILLIAM E. HALE
Assistant Regional Administrator

MASSACHUSETTS PRICE AND RATIONING BOARDS TO BE RETAINED

(Effective October 1, 1945)

Amherst
Amesbury
Athol
Attleboro
Arlington
Ayer
Barnstable (Hyannis)
Belmont
Boston
Beverly
Brockton
Brookline
Cambridge
Chelsea
Chicopee
Clinton
Concord
Danvers
Everett
Fall River
Falmouth
Fitchburg
Framingham
Franklin
Gardner
Gloucester
Great Barrington
Greenfield
Haverhill
Holyoke
Lawrence
Leominster
Lowell
Lynn
Malden
Marlboro
Maynard
Medford
Melrose

Middleboro
Milford
Nantucket
New Bedford
Needham
Newburyport
Newton
North Adams
Northampton
Norwood
Orleans
Palmer
Pittsfield
Plymouth
Provincetown
Quincy
Revere
Salem
Somerville
Southbridge
Spencer
Springfield
Stoneham
Taunton
Tisbury
Uxbridge
Wakefield
Waltham
Wareham
Watertown
Webster
Wellesley
Westfield
Weymouth
Winchester
Woburn
Worcester
Cambridge Mailing Center
Dorchester
Roxbury

MASSACHUSETTS WAR PRICE AND RATIONING BOARDS

Beards To Be Eliminated October 1, 1945

Abington	Colrain	Hardwick	Millis
Acton	Conway	Harvard	Millville
Acushnet	Cummington	Harwich	Milton
Adams	Dalton	Hatfield	Monroe
Agawam	Dartmouth	Hawley	Monson
Alford	Dedham	Hingham	Monterey
Andover	Deerfield	Heath	Montgomery
Ashburnham	Dennis	Hinsdale	Montague
Ashby	Dighton	Holbrook	Mt. Washington
Ashfield	Dorchester	Holden	Nahant
Ashland	Bailey St.	Holliston	Natick
Auburn	Dorchester	Hopedale	New Ashford
Avon	Glenway St.	Hopkinton	New Braintree
Barre	Douglas	Hubbardston	Newbury
Becket	Dover	Hudson	New Marlboro
Bedford	Dracut	Holland	New Salem
Belchertown	Dudley	Hull	Norfolk
Bellingham	Dunstable	Huntington	North Andover
Berkley	Duxbury	Hyde Park	North Attleboro
Berlin	East Boston	Ipswich	Northboro
Bernardston	East Bridgewater	Kingston	Northbridge
Billerica	East Brookfield	Lakeville	North Brookfield
Blackstone	Eastham	Lancaster	Northfield
Blandford	Easthampton	Lanesborough	North Reading
Bolton	East Longmeadow	Lee	Norton
Bourne	Easton	Leicester	Norwell
Boxford	Edgartown	Lenox	Oak Bluffs
Boxboro	Egremont	Leverett	Oakham
Boylston	Erving	Lexington	Orange
Braintree	Essex	Leyden	Otis
Brewster	Fairhaven	Lincoln	Oxford
Bridgewater	Florida	Littleton	Pexton
Brighton	Foxboro	Longmeadow	Peabody
Brimfield	Freetown	Ludlow	Pelham
Brookfield	Gay Head	Lunenburg	Pembroke
Buckland	Georgetown	Lynnfield	Pepperell
Burlington	Gill	Manchester	Peru
Carlisle	Granby	Mansfield	Petersham
Canton	Goshen	Marblehead	Phillipston
Carver	Grafton	Merion	Plainfield
Charlemont	Granville	Marshfield	Plainville
Charlestown	Groton	Mashpee	Plympton
Charlton	Gosnold	Mattapoisett	Princeton
Chesterfield	Groveland	Medfield	Randolph
Chatham	Hadley	Medway	Raynham
Chelmsford	Halifax	Mendon	Reading
Cheshire	Hamilton	Merrimae	Rehoboth
Chester	Hampden	Methuen	Richmond
Chilmark	Hancock	Middlefield	Rochester
Clarksburg	Hanover	Middleton	Rockland
Cohasset	Hanson	Millbury	Rockport

(over)

Roslindale
Rowe
Rowley
Royalston
Russell
Rutland
Salisbury
Sandisfield
Sandwich
Seagus
Savoy
Scituate
Seekonk
Sharon
Sheffield
Shelburne
Sherborn
Shirley
Shrewsbury
Shutesbury
Somerset

Southampton
Southboro
South Boston
South Hadley
Southwick
Sterling
Stockbridge
Stoughton
Stow
Sturbridge
Sudbury
Sunderland
Sutton
Swampscott
Swansea
Templeton
Tewksbury
Tolland
Topsfield
Townsend

Truro
Tyngsboro
Tyringham
Upton
Walpole
Wales
Ware
Warren
Warwick
Washington
Wayland
Wellfleet
Wendell
Wenham
Westboro
West Boylston
West Bridgewater
West Brookfield
Westford
Westhampton

Westminster
Weston
West Newbury
Westport
West Springfield
West Stockbridge
West Tisbury
Westwood
Whately
Whitman
Wilbraham
Williamsburg
Williamstown
Wilmington
Winchendon
Windsor
Winthrop
Worthington
Wrentham
Yarmouth

Brockton Mailing Center
Lawrence Mailing Center
New Bedford Mailing Center
Pittsfield Mailing Center
Springfield Mailing Center
Worcester Mailing Center

Ration Bd.

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
RATIONING BOARD #135.283,
SOUTHBOROUGH MASSACHUSETTS

IN REPLY REFER TO:

September 27, 1945

Board of Selectmen,
Southborough, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The entire staff of the Rationing Board wish to express their gratitude to the Board of Selectmen for their co-operation with them. Mr. James E. O'Leary, Chairman, will turn over to you the sets of keys for the Board room. I am returning to you the unused supplies of the Board which belong to the Town and you may be able to use them in some departments. Will you kindly check the list with contents and send me a receipt for same.

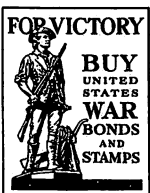
- ✓ 76 4x6 White Pads
- ✓ 2 small bottles Skrip Ink
- ✓ 27 unused No.2 pencils
- ✓ 7 " boxes Paper Clips
- ✓ 1 Complete box-100 Sheets Carbon Paper
- ✓ 24 small unused blotters
- ✓ 1 set Indexes
- ✓ 3 boxes Index tabs
- ✓ 2 boxes Thumb Tacks
- ✓ 1 unused Red Pencil
- ✓ 1 Punch
- ✓ 33 Assorted Pen Points
- ✓ 2 Wire Desk Baskets
- ✓ 1 Staple Machine
- ✓ 1/2 Box Staples

- | | <u>Miscellaneous Supplies</u> |
|------|-------------------------------|
| ✓ 1 | small lot Index Cards |
| ✓ 2 | boxes Paper Clips |
| ✓ 3 | bottles Ink- Used |
| ✓ 2 | typewriter erasers |
| ✓ 8 | Metal rings |
| ✓ 3 | Pen Holders |
| ✓ 1 | Spindle |
| ✓ 1 | Bottle Stamp Pad Ink |
| ✓ 1 | Large bundle Used Folders |
| ✓ 10 | Used Desk Blotters |
| ✓ 7 | New " " |

I am enclosing a duplicate to be signed by the Board. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Oliver M. Lapine
Chief Clerk



Received the above listed
Supplies September 27, 1945
Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

October 27, 1945

Mr. Frederick E. Porter
Oak Hill Road
Fayville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Porter:

This is to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held October 19, 1945, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended you for your valuable services to the Town of Southborough while serving as a member of the Southborough Rationing Board.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

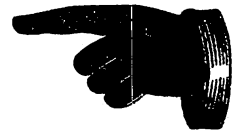
Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk.

R.

A. R. P. NOTICE



IMPORTANT!



October 27, 1945

Mr. James E. O'Leary
Latisquama Road
Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

This is to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held October 19, 1945, a unanimous vote of thanks was extended you for your valuable services to the Town of Southborough while serving as Chairman of the Southborough Rationing Board.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

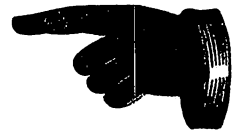
Hamilton O'Leary
Clerk.

R.

A. R. P. NOTICE



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Rationing

FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY
PUBLIC BUILDINGS ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT NO. 1
55 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts
November 27, 1945

IN REPLYING, QUOTE:

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Southborough, Mass.
Donated Space]

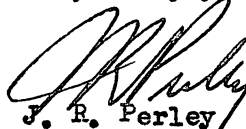
Town of Southborough
Town Hall
Southborough, Massachusetts

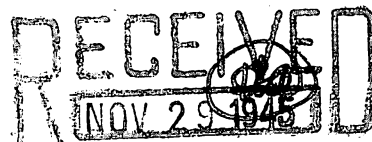
Gentlemen:

Confirming arrangements already made, this is to advise that space occupied by OPA, War Price and Rationing Board #135.283 within the Town Hall Building, Wilmington, Massachusetts has been cancelled effective on or about October 31, 1945.

Your cooperation and material assistance in the successful prosecution of the war is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


J. R. Perley
District Manager



526-44
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
Worcester Area Office
9 Walnut Street
Worcester 8, Massachusetts

Telephone 6-5121

May 23, 1944

Mr. James E. O'Leary, Chairman
War Price & Rationing Board
Southboro, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

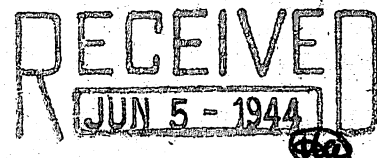
Our government is anxious to have some sort of a record, such as the enclosed, showing that we have the right to use the quarters allocated to your ration board, and I wonder if you would be willing to have the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, or the Selectmen as a group, sign the enclosed forms.

If you will keep one copy and send one copy to me. I would appreciate it.

Very truly yours

George H. Dudley
George H. Dudley
Field Operations Officer

Enclosure



Office for Emergency Management
Central Administrative Services
17 Court Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Whereas the ^{Town}~~City~~ of Southboro in Worcester County of the State of Mass.
is the owner of certain premises located at _____ Street
_____, which the Town of Southboro is willing for the United States
~~City~~
Government, Office for Emergency Management to use, and,
Whereas, the United States Government, Office for Emergency Management, in the course
of certain of its operations, needs space located within the Town of _____
County, State of _____, City _____

Now, therefore, the ^{Town}~~City~~ of _____ in _____ County of the State of _____
will permit the United States Government, Office for Emergency
Management to use the following described premises on the following terms and conditions

- (1) That the following described premises may be used from the _____
day of _____, 19 __, for the duration of the war effort in which
the United States Government is now engaged, and for six months thereafter.
- (2) That the following legally described premises comprise _____ number of
square feet.

- (3) That the occupancy of these premises shall be free of charge to the United
States Government, except as herein provided.
- (4) That the following Utility services are included in the offer of this space:
Janitor, Heat, Water, Telephone, Light

and that the following Utility services are not included in the offer of
this space:

None

- (5) That responsibility for limitations on alterations, repairs, and improve-
ments shall be as follows:
None

- (6) That the special conditions under which this offer is made are as follows: _____

Will you kindly advise us concerning whether or not the united States Government, Office for Emergency Management, will accept the offer of the use of this space under the terms and conditions expressed above.

Very truly yours,

By _____

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Central Administrative Services
17 Court Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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Very truly yours,

By _____

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
New England Regional Office
55 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts
LAF. 8600

November 27, 1944

Memorandum

To: All Mayors and Chairmen of Boards of Selectmen
From: Eldon C. Shoup
Regional Administrator
Subject: Appointment of War Price & Rationing Board Members

There is attached hereto for your information and guidance copy of a bulletin which has been forwarded to all War Price and Rationing Boards in Massachusetts.

Attachment

OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION
New England Regional Office
55 Tremont Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts
LAF. 8600

November 27, 1944

Memorandum

To: Chairmen of All War Price and Rationing Boards in Massachusetts

From: Eldon C. Shoup
Regional Administrator

Subject: Appointment of Board Members

In order to eliminate all unnecessary delays in the appointment of new Board members and thereby obtain their services as soon as possible the appointment procedure has been revised.

Prospective Board members have been lost because of the delay in the past in processing their appointments. In these cases we have lost not only their services but their good will as well. Therefore, we wish to inform local Board Chairmen of the following changes in the nominating procedure.

The local Board upon approving a candidate for Board membership will immediately communicate with the local governing authority requesting his approval, i.e. the Mayor or the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. (Please note in town governments only the Chairman's approval is needed, not the full Board of Selectmen.)

The Board should then submit the nomination of the candidate to this office and state that local government approval has been requested. At the end of ten days if the approval of the local government head has not been received, we shall proceed with the appointment on the basis of the local Board's approval.

The Chairman of every local Board should notify the Mayor or the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the above procedure as soon as possible in order to avoid misunderstanding on future appointments. It should be pointed out that if no objection to the appointment is received in this office from the local government head within ten days it will be assumed there is none and the appointment will be made without further delay.

So that there will be no possible misunderstanding a copy of this memorandum is being mailed to the local governing authority.

DeCourse

January 16, 1943

Mr. Clifford W. Murray
Box #74
Cordaville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have your letter of January 13th, in regard to the petition submitted by residents of Cordaville and Southville, for a place of registration for future rationing programs in that part of Town.

We are enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded to Mr. Henry G. Blount of Northborough, which we believe is self-explanatory.

We trust that Mr. Blount will be able to satisfactorily conclude this matter at an early date.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*

Clerk.

H:H

Refuse

January 16, 1943

Mr. Henry G. Blount
Northborough
Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Blount:

We are enclosing a petition from residents of Cordaville and Southville, regarding the establishment of a place of registration for future rationing programs in that part of Town.

We have taken this up with the Southborough Rationing Board, and they inform us that it is not within their power to do anything about this matter, and that you are the person in charge of all such registrations.

We feel that this request should be given favorable consideration if at all possible, and trust that you will do all in your power to establish a place of registration for rationing programs in Precinct Two.

If we can be of any assistance in this matter, kindly let us know.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton C. Armstrong*

Clerk.

H:H
Enc.

Defense

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
ROOM 315 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASS.

December 30, 1942

To the Mayors and Boards of Selectmen
of Cities and Towns in the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Under date of December 8 I sent you a letter requesting that you appoint a Local Mileage Administrator in conformity with the request of the Office of Price Administration. The Office of Price Administration is striving to conserve rubber and gasoline, and has set as a goal a reduction of 40% in the mileage travel of cars owned by various governmental agencies. This Program also applies to privately-owned cars when the owners of the cars are reimbursed for mileage.

Will you please consider the request contained in my letter of December 8 that you appoint a Local Mileage Administrator and notify this office of the selection as soon as possible. I am required to make an early report to the Office of Price Administration in regard to the number of cities and towns that have made appointments in accordance with the plan.

Very truly yours,



G. J. Cronin,
State Mileage Administrator

GJC:MMC



LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
GOVERNOR

refuse

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Executive Department

State House, Boston

December 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Already you have taken many steps to combat the threatened fuel oil shortage. But the situation daily grows more serious. Still more drastic steps must be taken immediately in which the co-operation of each community is essential.

First of all, I again urge you to convert to coal any public buildings still using oil - and further, to reduce consumption of oil in the latter by reducing temperatures, by closing rooms where feasible and by using every other possible means to save oil.

The enclosed proclamation outlines other steps which must be taken.

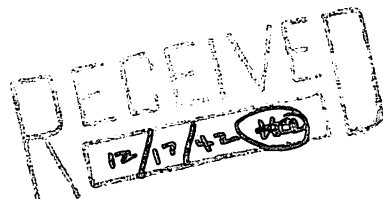
I am asking you to undertake stimulation of the "gasless Sunday" program in your city, organizing the campaign according to your best judgment in co-operation with Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, emergency state fuel conservator. His office is Room 202, Ford Building, Ashburton Place, Boston, telephone CAPitol 4600. As other moves become necessary, I shall keep you advised and shall give you all the assistance I can.

Sincerely yours,

Leverett Saltonstall

LS:AP
Enc.

Governor of the Commonwealth



Deferuse

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
PURCHASING BUREAU

315 State House, Boston, Mass.
December 8, 1942.

To the Mayors and Boards of Selectmen
of all Cities and Towns in the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Pursuant to the request of Leon Henderson, National Price Administrator, His Excellency Leverett Saltonstall, Governor of the Commonwealth, has designated me as State Government Mileage Administrator.

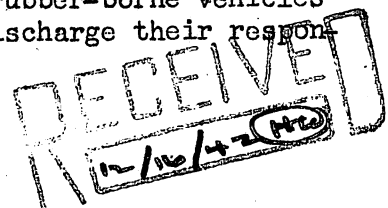
The Office of Price Administration is striving to conserve rubber and gasoline, and has set as a goal a reduction of 40% in the mileage travel of cars owned by various governmental agencies, and cars owned by employees of these agencies and engaged in public service.

Mr. Henderson, in his letter to the Governor, said:

"Under the new

nation-wide Mileage Rationing Program, motor vehicles used for essential driving will be entitled to the gasoline necessary for their operation, and except for commercial-type vehicles, such as trucks, buses and taxis, will be eligible for the grade of tires called for by the gasoline ration which is issued. This will be made possible through the saving of rubber resulting from the national Mileage Rationing Program, the purchase for re-distribution of all passenger tires in excess of five per car, the allocation of limited amounts of crude and reclaimed rubber for recapping, and the careful issuance of the limited stock of new tires on hand. Such a program can be successful only if all unnecessary driving is eliminated.

In deciding upon the ways in which gasoline rations should be issued for motor vehicles used in the public service, the Office of Price Administration has been faced with the alternative of controlling from Washington the determination of which public functions merit preferred mileage, or of allowing the governments themselves to decide what mileage is essential for the performance of their duties and functions. After careful deliberation, it has been decided to place primary responsibility for this determination in the hands of the governments who use the vehicles. Thus, extensive regulations of the matter from Washington can be avoided. We know that all officials charged with the operation of rubber-borne vehicles used in carrying out public functions will discharge their responsibility conscientiously and patriotically."



This Commission has been engaged for some time in a rigid control of State car operation. Reports to this office show 432,000 gallons less of gasoline was used in the first ten months of this year than was used in the corresponding period of 1941. This is a decrease in consumption of over 22%, and illustrates the effectiveness of rationing when there is whole-hearted co-operation.

Since the beginning of the year, the Commonwealth has taken off the road 325 vehicles, and has put them in storage, where they are available to departments for use in any emergency that may arise due to the war effort.

Since the beginning of the war, this Commission has repeatedly emphasized to the various departments and agencies of the State that rubber would be scarce and that gasoline would be difficult to obtain; that the use of State-owned vehicles should be limited to the bare necessity of the service of the department; that all equipment that could be spared should be put in the pool. We have had excellent results from our appeals.

In addition to taking cars off the road, there has been much emphasis placed upon reduction of mileage of vehicles still in service. The use of private automobiles, for which the State pays mileage when used on official business, has been reduced to a minimum. Reports from the Department of Public Health show reduction in disbursements for this purpose of 32% over the same period last year. The Department of Agriculture has reported a reduction of 31% in the amount expended on reimbursement for private automobiles used on official business, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles reports a reduction of 12% in similar reimbursements.

The above figures are cited to show what can be accomplished without serious dislocation of service. I realize that many cities and towns have endeavored to cut down on mileage both on public and privately-owned vehicles, and with much success.

In conformity with the directions of Governor Saltonstall, all Mayors of cities and Selectmen of towns are requested to appoint a local Mileage Administrator and to notify this office of the selection as soon as possible. We are informed that the Office of Price Administration in Washington has already mailed to Mayors of cities and Selectmen of towns with a population of 5,000 or over a statement of policy and suggested procedure which will qualify the local administrator to initiate his project. Further information will be available as soon as municipal communities forward the names of the local appointees.

Soliciting your eager co-operation, I remain

Very truly yours,


G. J. Cronin

State Government Mileage Administrator.

gjc/en

See
reference

November 11, 1942

Mr. Henry Parkman, Jr.
Director, State Rationing Board
10 Post Office Square
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Parkman:

This is to notify you, that effective
November 3, 1942, Mr. James E. O'Leary was appointed
to the Southborough Rationing Board to fill the vacancy
caused by the resignation of Mr. Edward W. Fay.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*
Clerk.

H:h

File
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Rationing Bd.

November 5, 1942

Mr. James E. O'Leary
Latisquana Road
Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. O'Leary:

This is to notify you that effective
November 3, 1942, you are appointed to the South-
borough Rationing Board to fill the vacancy caused
by the resignation of Mr. Edward W. Fay.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*
Clerk

Copy:
Town Clerk

Petition
refuse

November 27, 1942

Mr. Clifford W. Murray
Box #74
Cordaville, Mass.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of a petition signed
by you, and others, dated November 11, 1942, in regard to a
place of registration for future rationing programs in your
precinct.

This matter will be taken up at a meeting of the
Board of Selectmen, December 4, 1942.

Yours truly,

Hamilton Armstrong
Clerk, Board of Selectmen.

H:h

MICHAEL J. O'HARA, CHAIRMAN
C. CLAFLIN YOUNG
JOHN M. HART

MARY J. ITALIANO, CLERK

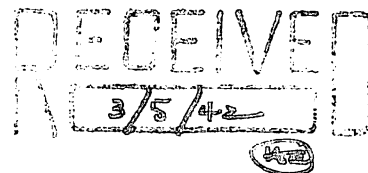
WORCESTER TIRE RATIONING BOARD

18 FRANKLIN STREET
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

TELEPHONE 4-3425

March 4, 1942

Hamilton Armstrong, Clerk
Board of Selectmen
Southboro, Massachusetts

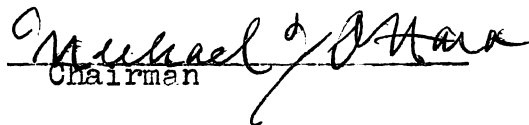


Dear Sir:

This is in answer to your letter of March 2, 1942.
As this office is not as yet rationing trucks, we cannot
mail you the application blank as per your request.

If you will contact us when this rationing begins,
we shall be glad to forward same.

Very truly yours,


Chairman

MJO:P

March 2, 1942

Mr. Michael J. O'Hara
County Rationing Board #39
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Enclosed you will find application of the
Town of Southborough, Massachusetts, for the purchase
of a Cruiser for the Police Department of this Town.

Also enclosed for your perusal, are
copies of letters to Federal Departments concerning
the same.

We trust you will give this application
favorable consideration and that we may hear from you
soon.

As we desire to purchase a much-needed truck
for our Highway Department, we would appreciate an
application blank to cover same.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

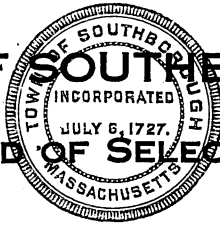
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Clerk.

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



COPY

Western Union. February 28, 1942.

"Hamilton Armstrong
Town of Southborough, Southborough, Mass.

After March 2, local Rationing Board will be authorized to release cars to certain classes of eligibles. Please apply your local Rationing Board.

Leon Henderson, Administrator.

COPY

February 16, 1942

Ernest Kanzler
War Production Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your telegram.

We understand from our local Rationing Board, that if order for Police Cruiser was not placed before January 1, 1942, it cannot be delivered. Is this true? Funds for purchase were not available at that time, but were since appropriated at a Special Town Meeting.

We would appreciate advice from you, as our Town is divided into four villages, and Police patrol is a great necessity.

Yours truly,

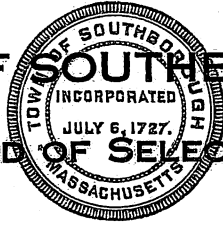
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Clerk.

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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HAMILTON ARMSTRONG=

=TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH SOUTHBOROUGH MASS=

=PROCEDURE FOR RATIONING WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON AND WILL NO
DOUBT COVER CASE YOU DESCRIBE. SUGGEST YOU WATCH NEWSPAPERS
FOR SUCH PLAN AND FOLLOW METHOD PRESCRIBED:

=ERNEST KANZLER WAR PRODUCTION BOARD.

*Miss Armstrong
R 950
5 March*

COPY

February 9, 1942

Mr. Leon Henderson, Administrator
Office of Price Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We hereby apply for authority to purchase a truck for the use of the Highway Department of the Town of Southborough, Massachusetts. We desire to purchase a one and one-half ton model with two-speed rear axle to replace a 1935 Ford, which is badly worn, and which we fear would fail us in a heavy snow storm.

We also desire to purchase a cruiser-ambulance for our Police Department. Under our present set-up, the officers have been using their own cars with which to patrol, however, since they can no longer obtain tires, and in the interests of National Defense, the Town has voted to supply the Department with a cruiser.

We trust you will look upon the above applications favorably, and will favor us with an early reply.

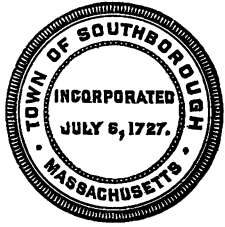
Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*

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TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

POLICE DEPARTMENT

RATIONING BOARD 283
SOUTHBORO, MASS.

February 25, 1942.

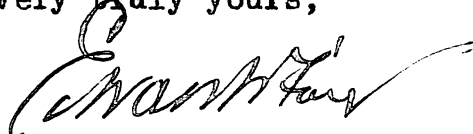
Dear Mr. Spurr:

In accordance with the statement which I made to you when you were in the Town Hall on Monday evening, I took with me yesterday to the State Rationing Board in Boston, the letter which I picked up at your place of business.

According to the information which I received, the mode of procedure, with respect to the purchase of a truck, is as follows: the Selectmen should write to Mr. J. P. Brown, War Production Board, Washington, D. C., setting forth the facts, just as you have given them to me in your letter.

As far as the matter of the cruising car be concerned, there is nothing to do at the moment, as new regulations are to be in effect from March 2 on. Evidently, all Rationing Boards will receive information, as well as the proper forms to be filled in. Therefore, just as soon as we have the necessary ammunition, and that should be early next week, we will go ahead and give you what you will need. After you have taken care of the town's part, you will need to take or send to the Rationing Board in Worcester, the blank or blanks.

Very truly yours,



Chairman

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9 PLEASANT STREET
WORCESTER, MASS.

June 10, 1941

Mr. Elton B. Spurr
Chairman Board of Selectmen
Southboro, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Captain Burnett has informed me that your Board is interested in buying two sets of tennis posts for the Town Playground.

I am attaching tennis pages from our catalogue and you will note thereon our L346 steel posts. Retail price \$18.00 a pair. Price to town is \$12.00 a pair.

You will note on these pages nets and other sundries in which you may be interested. The red ink prices are the wholesale prices which we are quoting.

Thanking you for this inquiry and trust that we may be favored with your valued order, we remain,

Very truly yours,

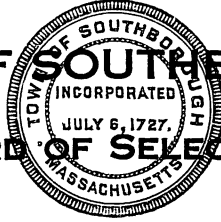
HORACE PARTRIDGE

George W. Jones

GWJ:S
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Rationing

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Copy
January 1, 1941

Mr. Chester C. Gray
Oak Hill Road
Fayville, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gray,

This is to notify you that at a
meeting of the Board of Selectmen held
December 30, 1941, you were appointed a member
of the Tire Rationing Board. The other members
of the Board are: Edward W. Fay, Main Street,
and Alexander C. Gion, Turnpike Road.

Yours truly,

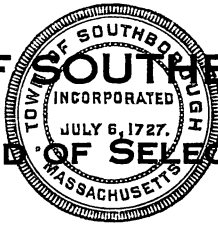
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By *Hamilton Armstrong*

Clerk.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Copy
January 1, 1941

Mr. Alexander C. Gion
Turnpike Road
Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Gion,

This is to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held December 30, 1941, you were appointed a member of the Tire Rationing Board. The other members of the Board are: Chester C. Gray, Oak Hill Road, and Edward W. Fay, Main Street.

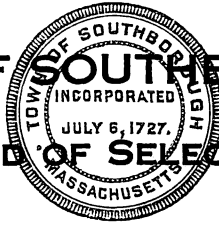
Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*

Clerk.

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



January 1, 1941

Copy

Mr. Edward W. Fay
Main Street
Southborough, Mass.

Dear Mr. Fay,

This is to notify you that at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held December 30, 1941, you were appointed a member of the Tire Rationing Board. The other members of the Board are: Chester C. Gray, Oak Hill Road, and Alexander C. Gion, Turnpike Road.

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By *Hamilton Armstrong*

Clerk.

Copy
January 8, 1941

State Rationing Office
Ford Hall Building
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

This is to confirm a telephone conversation
of Chairman Alton B. Spurr of this Board. The following
were appointed as members of the Tire Rationing Board
for the Town of Southborough in compliance with your
request:

Alexander C. Gion, Turnpike Road

Edward W. Fay, Main Street

Chester C. Gray, Oak Hill Road

Yours truly,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By: *Hamilton Armstrong*

Clerk

TOWN OF SOUTH BOROUGH
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

